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The large ice house just north of the passenger station known as the Swift & Co., Ice House is now used by the Boston & Maine railroad. It has a capacity of 5125 tons. Supt. L. E. Pinney reports the ice on the lake where they cut

to be nine inches thick.

He will begin scraping Monday and hopes to commence filling the house by the middle of the week. If the ice is 12 inches thick, forty men will have employment with Mr. Pinney.

"Shorty" a year old fox hound, owned by Sam Williams, was found dead and frozen Thursday morning beside Arthur Scott's home on Main street. The dog evidently had been hit by a passing auto and had dragged himself as far away as possible. When the dog was found, passers by remembered that they had heard cries and moans but did not see anything of the dog.

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CHRISTMASTIDE IN OTHER LANDS THAN OURS

Peculiar Customs of Children Delighted With Many Nations at This Season

With hearts and minds aglow with the spirit of Christmas it is interesting to learn of the quaint Christmas customs of other lands—customs that have been carried on from generation to generation and which are still entered into with the same joyous zest as filled the Yuletide of olden times.

In Holland the people have already had their Christmas for this year. It is celebrated on December 6, the festival of St. Nicholas.

On Christmas Eve in Paris everybody enjoys a big dinner and usually the restaurants are filled to their capacity. It is Le Petit Jesu that brings gifts to the French children at Christmas time. He never forgets a good child and is sure to slip something into the wooden shoe of the child if it is left at the door. He has, however, been known to leave pebbles in the shoes of one who has been naughty.

In Italy, the Christmas feast does not include turkey but consists chiefly of fish in a variety of styles. Church-going is greatly cultivated at this time. The children do not have Christmas trees, but usually have what is called an "Urn of Fate". An urn or other vessel containing written fortunes is placed in some convenient place and the children, in order of their ages, draw from it, amidst laughter and jest.

The Spanish children do not talk of their tree or stocking. Instead it is of "navidades" or nativities they talk. These are tiny models of the scene at Bethlehem. Sometimes they are very crude and sometimes very ornate. They are usually copies of some famous portrayal and pride is taken in exhibiting them. The great feature of the celebration of Christmas in Spain is the singing. The children go in groups to the various houses and sing. One usually sings the verse and the others the chorus. Two of them dance and at the conclusion fall before the nativity of the house they are crowding, with the exclamation "For Thee!"

Christmas in Serbia is a series of old customs handed down for ages. First of all, a great Christmas fire is built. Then in comes the mother, bringing with her a bundle of straw she has prepared. She and the children then proceed to scatter the straw all over the floor, she imitating the cry of a mother chicken the children that of the tiny chickens. Once this is done they all immediately lie down on it. After this the eldest male in the family scatters walnuts in each corner of the room. In the east corner of the hall stands a box of wheat. In the midst of the wheat stands a tall yellow candle. The father of the family then proceeds with a service of devotion and thanks for the blessings enjoyed by all.

The Norwegians make a great deal of hospitality at Christmas time and every visitor is welcomed to a beautiful meal and a pipe of tobacco. At dinner, between the courses, national hymns are usually sung.

In Germany, the entire family makes ready for church. They form in line, and carrying lighted candles, march to the service. There is no other light in the churches except what the members bring, and as they march in it presents a very beautiful spectacle.

In Austria, at every window candles send their gleam out into the night, in order that the Christ child in passing through town or village may not stumble.

In Bulgaria they put corn in their stockings, and the head of the family sprinkles some in front of the door with the words, "Christ is born."

The peasants of Russia on Christmas form a procession and pass the houses of village officials, singing carols and begging for coppers. Supper is not started until the evening star has appeared and is usually preceded by a maquerade.

In the Latin-American countries a mid-night mass is generally held on Christmas Eve. Christmas day is usually celebrated by a spectacular bull fight, and after this takes a religious procession is held

COMMUNITY TREE BIG SUCCESS IN NEWPORT

Children Delighted With Brilliant Spectacle On Main Street

Hundreds of children, which means practically every child in Newport flooded to the Christmas tree last night.

This was Newport's first Community Christmas tree and was a fascinating and pleasing sight enjoyed by all as many of the grown ups are children.

Rev. L. A. Edwards, with a chorus of children's voices, sang Christmas carols and hymns and later sang before the homes of several sick and shut-ins.

The children were a trifle disappointed as most of them had associated a tree with gifts and candy, but all enjoyed the lights and the music and the happy crowd.

The generous response of the people to the appeal of the finance committee has furnished funds ample to supply Christmas cheer for many homes.

The distribution of gifts is being made today, and needless to say many homes will be made happier. Besides this charitable work, Capt. Hathaway of the Salvation Army has been a busy man the past week. He has had the work of providing about 150 people of the city with a good Christmas dinner. Material for 20 baskets to be sent into as many homes in the city. The baskets will be packed and delivered from the Army hall about 2:30 o'clock Saturday forenoon. Capt. Hathaway is loud in praise for the assistance he has received from the members of the various churches of the city and for the generous contribution of money and provisions from the people of Newport. It is through this generosity that the work has been made successful. Each basket contains a real Christmas dinner, which will include chicken. The material for each basket costs from \$5 to \$6. The families being cared for will average five in number.

NEWPORT LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Irwin are the happy parents of a son, Carroll William, born Thursday, December 22. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin have been living in New York State and are to locate on a farm in this vicinity. They are spending the winter with Mrs. Irwin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Lodge.

Miss Dorothy Lindsay left last night for New York City where she is to spend several weeks.

A baby daughter, weighing nine and one half pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Judd on Tuesday, December 20.

Mrs. R. M. Sawyer goes today to Lowell, Mas. and will spend the

holidays with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith of St. Paul School, Garden City, L. I. is in town for the holidays and will visit relatives during his vacation.

Mrs. M. B. Chappell has been confined to the house for several weeks with rheumatism.

Mrs. Vina Jones of Charleston was the guest of Miss Kate Drew on Thursday.

Miss M. C. Bissonette of Rock Island was a visitor in town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Leavitt and Miss Lillian Leavitt go today to Lyndonville to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Curtice.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Louthold will spend Christmas day with relatives in Derby Line.

Henry Smith and his brother, Benjamin Smith were guests of their daughter and niece, Mrs. Riley Davis on their way to spend next week with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hurst.

James P. Powers is in Boston for the week end and will visit his parents, William Hommel, traveling freight agent, is applying as inspector of rates and classification at the B. & M. freight office.

Roland Rogers, organizer and leader of Newport High school orchestra is to play the saxophone this evening with the Crown orchestra for a dance in St. Johnsbury.

Winter is the favorite time for lecture courses, particularly those that Mother offers the kids for tramping in flirt from the muddy streets.

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